

REMARKS

Reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, and entry of this paper, is respectfully requested. Moreover, the Applicant has reviewed the Final Office Action of August 8, 2005, and submits that this paper is responsive to all points raised therein.

Status of The Claims

Claims 8-11, 14-16, 23, 24, 26 and 27 are pending in this application. Claims 11, 16 and 26 have been amended. Claims 28-30 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 11, 16 and 26 have been amended editorially, for grammar. It is respectfully asserted that these amendments are directed to formalities only and are not substantive in any way.

In canceling claims 28-30 without prejudice, the applicant reserves all rights in claims 28-30, to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications. Additionally, in canceling claims 28-30 without prejudice, the applicant does not accept or acquiesce to any rejections of these claims, but makes this cancellation without prejudice to move allowable claims toward a Notice of Allowance and issuance.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 28-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Longo (U.S. Patent No. 5,912,956) (Longo '956) in view of Shorrock, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,283,065) (Shorrock '065).

Claims 28-30 have been cancelled as discussed above. Accordingly, the rejection of these claims is now moot.

Conclusion


Should the Examiner have any questions or comments as to the form, content, or entry of this paper, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

Entry of this paper, and allowance of all pending claims, claims 8-11, 14-16, 23, 24, 26 and 27, is respectfully requested.

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